

***REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING***

**February 18, 2008**

**6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ronnie Torres called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M.  
Roll call taken by Sally G. Garley, City Manager.

***PRESENT:***

Ronnie Torres, Mayor  
David Lopez, Councilor  
Jeff Trembly, Councilor  
Rudy Jaramillo, Councilor

***ABSENT:***

Terese Ulivarri, Mayor Pro-Tem

***CITY STAFF:***

Sally G. Garley, City Manager  
Audrey Torres, Procurement Specialist  
Mike Chavez, Police Chief  
Beverly, McFarland, Library Director  
Lawrence Kanishiro, IT  
Manny Garcia, Fire Chief  
Tommy Sanchez, Fire Department

***STUDENT LIASION:***

Alexis Gutierrez

***OTHERS:***

Norman McDonald, P.A., City Attorney  
Jackie Schlotfeldt, VCNB  
Gilbert Tabet, Circle T  
Grace Jaramillo, Citizen  
Angel M. Poling, Citizen  
Patricia Rael, Belen Consolidated Schools

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Grace Jaramillo to lead the pledge of allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of tonight's agenda. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo so moved to approve. Councilor Jeff Trembly seconds the motion, motion carried.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

***Regular Meeting: February 4, 2008***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of the minutes for February 4, 2008. Councilor Jeff Trembly so moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo second the motion, motion carried.

***CITIZENS PETITIONS:***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item citizen petitions, and asked if there were any citizen petitions, there were no citizen petitions at this time. Mayor Ronnie Torres accepted a presentation, to the City of Belen, from the Hispano Chamber of Commerce for business of the month for events.

***INTRODUCION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to introduction of new employees as follows: Fire Department-Dominic Mora, Luke Crawford, Tommy Sanchez: Public Library-Debra Graham, Joan Burnett, Lawrence Kanishero.

***PRESENTATION ON AARP MOBILITY PLAN: Marj Conner***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to a presentation by Marj Conner on AARP Mobility Plan. Marj handed out a booklet titled "Mobility Challenges for the 50 plus" suggestions for improvements, NM Transportation report AARP New Mexico. Marj read a few passages from the pamphlet but urged the Council to read the pamphlet and become more aware of the transportation needs of aging Americans. The study in the pamphlet includes major findings and recommendations for action also structural changes and changes to facilitate access. The pamphlet, in its entirety, is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

***PROCLAIM SUPPORT FOR "FILLING YOUR TOOLKIT" ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008: Mayor Torres***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to a proclamation in support for "Filling your toolkit" an event sponsored by the Belen Consolidated School system. A copy of the proclamation is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

***ACTION ITEMS:***

***APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Sally G. Garley, City Manager***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to approval of a resolution entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised she is requesting approval for submission of the Coop to the NMDOT for improvements of various streets within the City in the amount of \$308,095.75 of which 25% will be the City's responsibility to pay.

Mayor Torres asked if there were any questions or comments if none he so entertains a motion. Councilor David Lopez moved to approve as presented. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

***APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE BECKER STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Sally G. Garley, City Manager***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to approval of a resolution to participate in the municipal arterial program to authorize the submission of an application to the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMDOT) for the Becker Street Improvements as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised she is seeking approval for the resolution which will authorize the submission of an application to the NMDOT for Becker Street Improvements of 2.1 million. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised Jackie with Molzen Corbin & Associates was available for questions.

Mayor Torres asked if there were any questions or comments if none he so entertains a motion. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo moved to approve as presented. Councilor Jeff Trembly seconds the motion, motion carried.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:***

***CITY MANAGERS REPORT:***

City Managers report is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

***COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:***

**Councilor Rudy Jaramillo:** advised there have been several citizens that have passed away: Joe Trujillo, Narciso Garcia, Christino Edwell, please keep their families in your prayers. Marj thank you for the presentation on the AARP Mobility Plan, if you get a chance please contact Councilor Terese Ulivarri she is very involved in the transportation world.

**Councilor Jeff Trembly:** it is sad that there have been so many community members that have passed away as mentioned by Councilor Rudy Jaramillo also please include Anthony Chavez family in your prayers. Folks please try to attend the free workshop by the Belen Consolidated Schools this weekend it is going to be a good event.

**Mayor Ronnie Torres:** the Cooperative Agreement will help enhance the look of the roads by where the new bridge is being build, if you have not had a chance to go by there you really need to go by and check it out it is looking good. The City is leasing the house by the Rail Station and will place an officer at the home once it is remodeled. Once the bridge is complete there will be 2 homes available for other officers. The presence of police officers helps neighborhood for security.

There was a meeting for the light display, we may not have the Bugg light display, but we are going to have our own display and they plan on meeting again next week for decorations for the holiday. A complete plan should be done in a couple of weeks.

**Councilor David Lopez:** sad it is for so many folks that have passed away, also please keep Chief Chavez' in your prayers he also experienced a loss in the family last week. The Jr. Wrestling team was at Albuquerque high two Saturdays ago. Two of the kids placed and a couple took state and they all did quite well. Little league is ready to kick off.

**Alexis Gutierrez:** Thursday thru Saturday was Student Council week and he was named State VP for Student Councils of New Mexico.

#### ***ADJOURNMENT:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Councilor Jeff Trembly moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilor David Lopez seconds the motion, motion carried.

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Ronnie Torres, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sally G. Garley, City Manager